Krewe of Karencro By-Laws

Carencro, Louisiana

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Article 1
Membership

A. **ANNUAL MEETING**: The annual meeting of the membership for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the corporation shall be held at the principal office of the corporation at 115 Bechet Rd, Carencro, Louisiana, 70520, or at such other place within or without the State of Louisiana as shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting.[1] The annual meeting shall be held 8 to 12 weeks after Mardi Gras. The Scribe shall give by mail, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, written notice stating the date, place, and hour of the meeting. The notice shall be addressed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the corporation or to the address designated by the member. At least one (1) meeting of the members shall be held each calendar year for the election of directors, but failure to hold annual meetings shall not affect or vitiate the corporate existence. If no annual general membership meeting is held for eighteen (18) months, any member may call such meeting in writing to all members.

B. **SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS**: Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Commodore or by a majority of the Board of Directors and must be called by the Commodore on the written request of ten (10) percent of the membership entitled to vote at such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be given and the meeting shall be held at the registered office of the corporation, or at such place set forth in the notice of the meeting at such time as the Commodore may fix, but not less than fifteen (15) nor more than sixty (60) days after the receipt of said request. If the Commodore shall neglect or refuse to fix or give notice of the meeting, the members making the request may do so. Written notice of such special meeting stating the place of the meeting and the date and hour of the meeting, purpose or purposes for which it is called, and the name of the person by whom or at whose direction the meeting is called shall be given not less than fifteen (15) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date set for the meeting. The notice shall be given to each member of the record in the same manner as the notice of the annual meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any such special meeting.

C. **QUORUM**: The presence, in person, of a majority of the members entitled to vote thereat shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of

[1] 2018 Spring Amendments – change of address, spousal proxy

the members. If, however, such quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the membership, the members entitled to vote thereat, present in person, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future date at which a quorum shall be present. At such meeting, any business may be transacted at the meeting originally called, provided, however, any meeting at which directors are to be elected shall be adjourned only from day to day until such directors have been elected.

D. **RECORD DATE**: The directors may fix, in advance, a date no less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any meeting of the members as a record date for the termination of membership. At any meeting of the members, a list of members entitled to vote, arranged alphabetically and certified by the Scribe or by an agent of the corporation having charged of memberships showing the number of members on the record day for the meeting shall be produced at the request of any member. This list shall be prima facie evidence of the membership in the corporation and of the right of the member listed thereon to vote.

E. **VOTING**: A member entitled to vote at a meeting may vote at such meeting in person or through proxy by spouse. A member voting in person must sign in for the meeting. A member voting by proxy or spouse shall have a signed dated proxy given to the Secretary prior to the vote allowing the spouse to vote and presence counted towards quorum for Krewe records.[1] Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Except as herein or in the Articles of Incorporation otherwise provided, all corporate action shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the members entitled to vote thereon. The approved change goes into effect sixty (60) days after a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors, or immediately after a minimum 2/3 vote of the members present at the meeting called for that purpose.

F. **CONSENTS**: Whenever by any provision of law, the Articles, or the bylaws, the affirmative vote of members is required to authorize or constitute corporate action, the consent in writing to such corporate action signed by members holding that proportion of the total voting power on the question which is required by the Articles of Bylaws shall be sufficient for the purpose, without the necessity for a meeting of the members. The consent, together with a certificate by the Scribe of the corporation to the effect that the subscribers to the consent constitute the required portion of members entitled to vote on the particular question, shall be filed with the records of the proceedings of the members. If consent is signed by fewer than all of the members having voting power under question, prompt notice shall be given to all the members of the action taken pursuant to the consent.

G. **QUALIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS**: Persons shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older to apply for membership. After 4/1/03, a membership shall consist of a husband and wife. After 9/19/17, a membership may consist of either a married couple (husband and wife) or a single member. Single memberships will be limited to 20% (twenty percent) of memberships. After 7/1/2020, a membership may consist of either a married couple (husband and wife) or a single member. New Members will be admitted with the Waiting List priority given to, the first married couple (husband and wife) who have never

been a member of the Krewe of Karencro, second single man who has never been a member of the Krewe of Karencro, third single woman who has never been a member of the Krewe of Karencro and fourth membership of prior members of the Krewe of Karencro.[2] New members will be sponsored by a current member who will submit a membership application form to the Scribe by mail only. Applications will be recorded by post-marked date and applicants will be considered for membership by the Board of Directors in order in which applications are received.

H. **DUES**: Dues will be set by the Board of Directors. Notice will be by statement sent out by Scribe on May 15 of each year; payment is to be received no later than July 15 of that year.

I. **CERTIFICATES**: The memberships in the corporation shall be represented by certificates prepared by the Board of Directors and signed by the Commodore and the Scribe and impressed with the seal of the corporation.

J. **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIPS**: Memberships of the corporation are not assignable or transferable.

K. **REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP**: Any member may be removed either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of the majority of the members who are entitled to vote at any special meeting called for that purpose, or at the annual meeting. Except as otherwise provided by statute, a member may be removed for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors. Such as less than 50% attendance at meetings and functions in a twelve (12) month period to become effective immediately.

L. **DIVORCING COUPLES**: A membership shall be considered a community property issue. The couple in question will have to decide who keeps the membership by the membership dues deadline of July 15th of the upcoming Carnival season. If the couple cannot come to an amicable agreement between the two parties, they will forfeit their membership.

M. **COMMUNICATION**: All references in these Bylaws to "Mail", "Written Notice" or "Writing" may furthermore be satisfied with the use of Electronic Mail (email).[3]

ARTICLE II
Board of Directors

A. NUMBER: The entire Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) persons. If not a continuing member of the Board of Directors, the immediate Past-Commodore shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, and as such, shall be notified of all meetings and proceedings of the Board. All terms of office for

[2] 2021 Spring Amendment – waiting list order
[3] 2023 Fall Amendment – Electronic Mail

directors will be three (3) years. The number of directors may be changed by an amendment to the bylaws, adopted by the members. No amendment to the bylaws reducing the number of directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of an incumbent director.

B. **SELECTION**: Four (4) new Board members will be elected each year from those members in good standing.[4]

C. **QUALIFICATIONS**: To serve on the Board of Directors, a member must be in good standing and be willing and able to serve as an officer of the Krewe (Commodore, Navigator, Scribe, Purser, Judge Advocate), if elected.

D. **DUTIES AND POWERS**: The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the affairs and business of the corporation. The directors shall in all cases act as a Board, regularly convened, and, in the transaction of business, the act of a majority present at a meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, shall bind the corporation, provided a quorum is present. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this Krewe in all meetings and the management of the corporation not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.[5]

E. **REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**: Any director may be removed either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of the majority of the members who are entitled to vote for the election of the director sought to be removed, at any special meeting called for that purpose, or at the annual meeting. Except as otherwise provided by statute, a director may be removed for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors; such as lack of participation at meetings during a twelve-month period.

F. **RESIGNATION**: Any director may resign at any time, such resignation is to be made in writing and to take effect immediately without acceptance.

ARTICLE III
Officers

A. **ELECTION**: Officers of the Krewe will be elected annually by the Board of Directors at a meeting held as soon as possible after the general membership meeting. Officers will be chosen from the duly elected members of the Board of Directors. The elected officers will be a President, to be called "Commodore", a Vice President, to be called "Navigator", a Secretary, to be called "Scribe", a Treasurer, to be called "Purser", and a Parliamentarian, called "Judge Advocate". Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the office of Commodore and Scribe.

[4] 2020 Spring Amendment – remove two members elected together
[5] 2024 Spring Amendment – Robert's Rules

B. **TERM**: All officers shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

C. **REMOVAL**: Any officer may be removed with or without cause by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

D. **DUTIES**: The duties and powers of the officers of the corporation shall be as follows and shall be hereafter set by resolution by the Board of Directors.

1. Commodore (President)
   a. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership meetings.
   b. Present a report on the condition of the corporation at the annual general membership meeting.
   c. Call regular and special meetings of the members and directors in accordance with the requirements of the law and these bylaws.
   d. Sign and execute all contracts in the name of the corporation, and all notes, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money.
   e. Sign all certificates representing memberships.
   f. Cause all books, reports, statements, and certificates to be properly kept and filed as required by law.
   g. Enforce these bylaws and perform all the duties incident to the office, which is required by law, and in general, supervise and control the business and affairs of the corporation and preside at all corporate functions.
   h. Appoint Ball Chairman and Assistant Chairman with approval of the Board of Directors.

2. Navigator (Vice-President)
   a. During the absence or incapacity of the Commodore, the Navigator shall perform all duties of the Commodore, and when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all of the responsibilities of the office of the Commodore.
   b. Shall be in charge of all public relations for the corporation and will provide adequate media publicity for all functions of the corporation.
   c. Shall be responsible for all arrangements for the annual general membership meeting (Spring Fling), and any other functions as designated by the Commodore.
   d. Procure floats for parades.

3. Scribe (Secretary)
   a. Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the members of the corporation in the appropriate books.
   b. Shall give notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the members of the corporation.
   c. Shall be the custodian of the records and the seal of the corporation, in any, and shall fix the seal to the certificates of membership and other corporate papers when required.
   d. Shall sign all certificates representing membership and affix the corporate seal, in any, thereto.

e. Shall attend to all correspondence and present all official communications to the Board of Directors.
f. Perform all the duties incident to the office of Scribe of the corporation.
g. Notify members in writing of changes and or amendments adopted by Board members within seven (7) days of the change or amendment.
h. Mail minutes of all Board meetings to Board members and minutes of general meetings to each member within fourteen (14) days.
i. Distribute applications for maids at the Spring Fling.

4. Purser (Treasurer)
   a. Shall have the care, custody, and responsibility of all funds and securities of the corporation, and shall deposit such funds and securities in the name of the corporation in such bank or safe deposit companies as the Board of Directors may designate.
   b. Shall make, sign, and endorse in the name of the corporation, all checks, drafts, notes, and other orders for the payment of money, and pay out and dispose of such under the direction of the Commodore or the Board of Directors.
   c. Shall keep accurate books of account on all its business and transactions. Shall at all reasonable hours exhibit books and accounts to any director.
   d. Shall render a report on the condition of the finances of the corporation at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and at other times required, and shall make a full financial report at the annual meeting of the members.
   e. Shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Purser of the corporation.
   f. If required by the Board of Directors, shall give such bond as may be determined appropriate for the faithful performance of duties as Purser.

5. Judge Advocate (Parliamentarian)
   a. Shall render advisory parliamentary decisions, although said decisions will not have a binding effect on the corporation.
   b. Shall call attention to the proper officers of the corporation for any serious error in procedure.
   c. The Judge Advocate will serve as an adviser to the Board of Directors.
   d. To hire security for any function as designated by the Board of Directors.

E. **OTHER OFFICERS**: Other officers shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

F. **VACANCIES**: All vacancies in any office shall be properly filled by the Board of Directors, either at regular meetings or at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV
Bills, Notes, etc.

Section 1

EXECUTION: All bills payable, notes, checks, drafts, warrants or other negotiable instruments of the corporation shall be made in the name of the corporation and shall be signed by any two (2) such officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time by resolution direct. No officer or agent of the corporation, either singularly or jointly with others, shall have the power to make any bill payable, note, check, draft, or warrant negotiable instrument or endorse the same in the name of the corporation, or contract to cause to be contracted any debt or liability in the name and on behalf of the corporation except as herein expressly prescribed and provided.

Section 2

After due notice of the annual meeting of the Krewe of Karencro, on this 3rd day of May 1998, It was moved by Bill Winchester and seconded by June Guilbeau that the bylaws of the corporation be amended by addition to the same, the following section and /or clause:

Article IV, Section 2....At the time of incorporation of the Krewe of Karencro, the founding members donated five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) cash to the Krewe of Karencro to be deposited in an interest-bearing account, and said interest derived from this $5,000.00 shall be used as directed by the Board of Directors. This $5,000.00 donation is to remain in its entirety until the liquidation of the corporation. In addition, all funds and/or liquid assets of the Krewe of Karencro Mardi Gras Association, Inc. be the same as cash, certificates of deposit, and/or other securities, at the time the corporation is liquidated, shall be transferred and /or donated to the St. Peter's Catholic Church of Carencro, LA to be used specifically for youth activities at the church. After full discussion, and upon calling a vote, the amendment was approved by a vote of 40 for and 0 against, which are two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members.

ARTICLE V
Offices

LOCATION: The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 115 Bechet Road, Carencro, Louisiana, 70520. The Board of Directors may change the principal office of the corporation, and may, from time to time, designate other offices within or without the State of Louisiana as the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE VI
Amendments

MANNER OF AMENDING: These bylaws may be altered, repealed, or added to by the request of a member. Written notice shall be sent to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting at least ten (10) days before the date of the annual or special meeting. This notice shall state the alterations, amendments, additions, or changes, which are proposed to be made. Only such changes shall be made as have been specified in the notice. The approved changes go into effect immediately after a minimum 2/3 vote of the members present at the meeting for that purpose. The bylaws may also be altered, amended, repealed, or new bylaws adopted by a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting of the Board. The approved change goes into effect sixty (60) days after a majority vote of the entire Board. However, any bylaws adopted by the Board may be altered, amended, or repealed by the general membership within sixty (60) days' notice of the change.

ARTICLE VII
Waiver of Notice

AUTHORITY TO WAIVE NOTICE: Whenever, under the provisions of these bylaws or of any statute, any member or director is entitled to notice of any regular or special meeting or of any action to be taken by the corporation, such meeting may be held or such action may be taken without the giving of such notice, provided every member or director entitled to such notice waives, in writing, the requirement of these bylaws in respect thereto.

ARTICLE VIII
Indemnification

LIMITATION: The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to or who is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including any action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of any other business, foreign or non-profit corporation, partnership, joint venture, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation,

and with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful; provided in case of actions by or in the right of the corporation, the indemnity shall be limited to expenses (including attorneys' fees, and amounts paid in settlement, not exceeding, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the estimated expense of litigation the action to conclusion) actually of such action and no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the duties to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court shall determine upon application, that despite that adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonable entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court may deem proper. The termination of any notice, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon plea of nolo contendre or its equivalent, shall not of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonable believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was lawful.

No member of this corporation shall ever be held liable or responsible for contracts, debts, or defaults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid dues, if any, owed by him or her to the corporation, nor shall any mere informality in the organization have the effect of exposing the members to any liability other than as above provided.

ARTICLE IX
Schedule of Events

A. **ANNUAL MEETING / SPRING FLING**

1. To be held 8-12 weeks after Mardi Gras
2. Time and place to be designated by Commodore and Navigator
3. Business meeting to be held before social
4. Navigator will make all arrangements
5. Nominations accepted for King and Queen

B. **FALL GENERAL MEETING**

1. To be held during the month of September, or as called by the Commodore
2. Chairpersons are assigned to all Mardi Gras activities
3. Calendar of events for upcoming Mardi Gras Season to be distributed

C. **WINE AND CHEESE PARTY**

1. Wine and Cheese Party to be held during Mardi Gras season prior to Royal Brunch. To be hosted by King of two (2) years past.

D. **KING'S CAKE PARTY**

1. To be held as soon as possible after January 6th to be scheduled by the person giving the party.
2. To be hosted and paid for by the Krewe member who got the "baby" in the King's cake at the last King's Cake Party.
3. Cake to be sliced into even pieces by the hostess before being served. Each member will be required to take a piece of pre-cut cake until the "baby" is found. The Commodore will accept cake for absent members.
4. Those who have given this party within the past three (3) years are not obliged to take a piece of cake.
5. Table assignments for the ball will be made at this time. A maximum of two (2) members may draw for tables together.
6. King and Queen will not draw for the baby for three (3) years.

E. **KING AND QUEEN'S BRUNCH**

1. To be held Sunday morning, six (6) days prior to the Mardi Gras Ball.
2. The Krewe shall pay the budgeted amount for the brunch; the King and Queen will pay all additional expenses.
3. A committee will be assigned by the Commodore to make arrangements for the Brunch. The wife of the retiring King will be chairman and the mother of the retiring Queen will serve on this committee.
4. The Board will approve the location and general arrangements.
5. Attendance will be by invitation only to the following:
   a. All Krewe members are in good standing. Single members may have one (1) guest.
   b. All past royalty (Kings and Queens) and their spouse/guest. (One guest per person)
   c. New King and his spouse/guest.
   d. New Queen and guest.
   e. New maids (no guest).

F. **KREWE OF KARENCRO MARDI GRAS BALL/TABLEAU**

1. Krewe of Karencro Mardi Gras Ball will be held Saturday evening ten (10) days before Mardi Gras, or as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. Location will be determined by the Board of Directors.
3. Security will be provided and strictly enforced.
4. All guests for the Ball shall be minimum of eighteen (18) years of age, with the exception of the Maids.[6]
5. Dress Code as follows:
   a. Krewe Members: formal attire {dark colored tuxedos for men and floor-length dresses for women}.[6]
   b. Guest: formal attire {dark colored tuxedos for men and floor length dresses for women or dark suits for men}.[7]
   c. Dress shall be maintained for the duration of the evening or as determined by the Ball Chairperson as it relates to Dukes and Maids attire.[6]

[6] 2021 Fall Amendments -Minimum age, dark colored tuxedos, and as determined by Ball Chairperson
[7] 2023 Fall Amendment – Remove cocktail dresses

d. Hats will not be worn during the tableau.
f. Adult participants in the tableau, who have seats to stay for the dance portion of the ball may remain in costume at their discretion.

6. Dress Code and minimum age will be strictly enforced.

G. **MARDI GRAS PARADE**

1. To be held the Sunday before Mardi Gras or as set by the Carencro Mardi Gras Association.
2. The Krewe will provide a float for the reigning royalty and a float for members.
3. Krewe members are responsible for throws.
4. Float riders will be costumed as designated by the Board of Directors.
5. A Fee will be charged to riders in the parade, as set by the Board of Directors, to be paid on or before the King Cake Party.
6. Royalty float will include the King, Queen, Dukes, Maids, and the King and Queen's four (4) attendants. The attendants may ride the Royal float if and only if there is one (1) supervising adult per child to walk on the side of the float. The name of the adult must be given to the Navigator no later than the Royal Brunch.

ARTICLE X
Royalty

A. **TITLES**: The official royalty of the Krewe shall be King Louis of Beau Bassin and Queen Anna of Beau Bassin to be chosen annually by the Board of Directors. The monarchs shall reign over all Krewe functions from the time they are crowned until the following year when their successors are crowned.

B. **KING LOUIS OF BEAU BASSIN**

1. Must be a male, a minimum of 30 years of age as of January 1 of the year of his reign.
2. Membership is not mandatory; however, consideration will always be given to Krewe members before consideration of outside candidates.
3. Must know the responsibilities of the King, and be willing to perform the duties and responsibilities associated with this honor.
4. Expenses to be paid by King.
   a. A sum of money equal to annual membership dues, or such amount as set by the Board, which will entitle him to one additional table.
   b. Crown and scepter.
   c. Flowers (yellow roses) to be presented to the Queen at the ball.
   d. Silver goblet for Queen to be presented at Royal Brunch.
   e. Anything provided by the Krewe that the King wishes to improve, modify, or change, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
   f. Personal Attire
   g. Tuxedo or King's costume including mantle and train for the Mardi Gras Ball (Attire to be approved by the Board of Directors).

h. For Mardi Gras parade, same as for Ball.
i. Tuxedo for Coronation Brunch.
j. Tuxedo for all succeeding Mardi Gras Balls.
k. For pictures, or any other function where formal attire is appropriate –Tuxedo or King's Costume.

C. QUEEN ANNA OF BEAU BASSIN

1. Shall be a female, minimum of eighteen (18) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) years of age on or before January 1 of the year she is to reign as Queen. Shall be single, never married, and have not borne any children.
2. Shall be sponsored by a Krewe member.
3. Queen Anna will be chosen by the Board of Directors, from qualified applicants, in the following order:
   a. Daughter/Granddaughter of a Krewe member.
   b. Other relatives of a Krewe member.
   c. Non-relative of a Krewe member.
4. Must know all of the responsibilities of the Queen, and be willing to perform all duties associated with this honor.
5. Expenses to be paid by Queen's Sponsor:
   a. A sum of money equal to one membership or such amount as set by the Board of Directors, will entitle you to one (1) additional table.
   b. Crown and scepter.
   c. Silver Goblet to be presented to King at Royal Brunch.
   d. Anything provided by the Krewe that the Queen wishes to improve, modify or change, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
6. Personal Attire
   a. Ball Gown or Queen's Costume, including mantle and train for the Mardi Gras Ball (attire to be approved by the Board of Directors).
   b. Mardi Gras Parade will be the same as Ball.
   c. Attire for Royal Brunch will be a dressy suit or dress.
   d. For all succeeding Mardi Gras Balls, attire will be Ball Gown.
   e. For pictures or any other function where formal attire is appropriate, Ball Gown or Queen's costume.
7. Flowers for sponsor and/or Mother (optional).

D. KREWE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MARDI GRAS BALL

1. Krewe will furnish the throne and all decoration associated with the Ball.
2. Krewe will pay for music, a spotlight, and champagne for toasting the court.
3. Boutonnières for Emcee; Dukes at option of Ball Chairman; boutonnières or corsage for Ball Chairman.
4. Krewe will pay for one (1) 8X10 color photograph of the King and one (1) 8X10 color photograph of the Queen for the Krewe Gallery. The Krewe will also pay for black and white pictures as necessary for newspaper publications.

E. **ROYAL COURT**

1. The Royal Court shall consist of four (4) Maids and four (4) Dukes. Royal Maids will be sponsored by a Krewe Member. The male sponsor or sponsor's designee {Krewe Member ONLY} will serve as the Maid's Duke.
2. The qualifications for a Royal Maid are:
   a. Must be sponsored by a Krewe member in good standing.
   b. Must be a minimum of sixteen (16) and a maximum of twenty-three (23) on January 1 of the year she will serve as Royal Maid.
   c. Shall be single, never married, and have not borne any children.
   d. Board of Directors has the authority to appoint a maid out of the requirements in order to fill a minimum of four (4) maids.
3. Applications for Royal Maid will be distributed at the annual membership meeting (Spring Fling). Applications must be returned to the Commodore within two (2) weeks.
4. The Royal Maids will be chosen by the Board of Directors. The method of selection will be in this order:
   a. Daughter of a Krewe member will be given first priority.
   b. Granddaughter of a Krewe member.
   c. Another relative of a Krewe member.
   d. Non-relative of a Krewe member.
5. Attire for Royal Maids and Royal Dukes:
   a. Attire for the Ball will be designated by the Ball Chairman. Escorts will wear tuxedos or costumes as designated by the Ball Chairman.
   b. Attire for the Brunch will be dressy dress suits or dresses for Royal Maids and Tuxedos for Royal Dukes.
   c. Attire for the Mardi Gras parade will be designated by the Ball Chairman.
6. Responsibilities of Royal Maids and Dukes:
   a. Attend the King and Queen's Coronation Brunch.
   b. Attend all practices before the Ball.
   c. Attend the Ball.
   d. Ride in the Mardi Gras parade in attire designated by the Ball Chairman.
   e. The Reigning Queen and Royal Maids are invited to attend all Krewe functions, except meetings.
7. Krewe Contributions:
   a. Flowers for the Ball, as designated by the Ball Chairman.
   b. Each Maid is allowed one guest at the Ball. A table will be reserved for the Maids and their guests.
8. Other Royal Court members may include jesters, messengers, or other positions as determined by the Ball Chairman, with the approval of the Board of Directors.